

### REMARKS

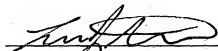
This Preliminary Amendment with Remarks is being filed concurrently with a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/976,257 to pursue subject matter canceled during the prosecution of the parent application. A Notice of Allowance for U.S. Serial No. 08/976,257 was issued on April 17, 2003, and the Issue Fee was paid on July 15, 2003.

Claims 1-60 are pending. Applicant cancels claims 1-60, and re-presents claims 21-42 and 56-60, which were the subject of a restriction requirement, as new claims 61-94. The original claims (21-42 and 56-60) as represented herein have been amended to remove any multiple dependent claims, and to correct minor grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that claims 61-94 are in condition for allowance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 18, 2003

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa J. Michaud, Reg. No. 44,238  
Attorney for Applicant(s)

NUTTER, McCLENNEN & FISH, LLP  
World Trade Center West  
155 Seaport Boulevard  
Boston, MA 02210  
Tel: (617)439-2550  
Fax: (617)310-9550

1238909.1